

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 707  
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to designate Tennessee Highway 177 within  
Shelby County as a Blue Star Memorial  
Highway.

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Highway system is a fine illustration of what can be accomplished in roadside beautification; this project has grown from the beautifying of six miles of highway by the New Jersey Garden Clubs in 1944, to now include the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Highway system is one of the most extensive projects ever undertaken by garden clubs and the first attempted on a nationwide scale; its success paved the way for the anti-litter drive and other national projects; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Highways take their name from the blue star in the service flag; they are a living memorial to "all those who have served or will serve in the nation's armed forces"; and

WHEREAS, the project was organized as a demonstration of roadside beautification, to show what could be accomplished through united strength as a protest against billboards, to educate the public to higher standards of roadside development, and to determine how the National Council of Garden Clubs could best work with the civil authorities for major achievement; and

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WHEREAS, it is a great honor for a highway to be designated as “Blue Star”, and it is the wish of the National Council of Garden Clubs that this fact should be recognized and appreciated by all persons concerned with such highways; the “Blue Star Memorial” marker is appropriate in every respect to represent the efficiency and dignity of the nation’s highways; and

WHEREAS, today, the Blue Star Memorial Highway system includes more than 40,000 miles of highway, and each month new stretches of roadway are being added; with the increasing number of men and women entering active military service for our country, this tribute assumes greater importance than ever in the homes across our land; and

WHEREAS, the Germantown Garden Club wishes to place a commemorative marker in Shelby County to honor the brave men and women of our area who have served in the U.S. armed forces; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Germantown Garden Club are widows of veterans and therefore desire to honor the memory of their loved ones, in addition to enhancing the beauty of the county; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor all Tennesseans who have served and who are now serving in this great nation’s armed forces, and in the interest of highway beautification, Tennessee Highway 177 within Shelby County, is hereby designated as a “Blue Star Memorial Highway”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect or affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 177 in Shelby County as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Garden Club of Germantown shall bear the expense of the design and manufacture of such markers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.